



Annual Regional Administrator Workshops Announced

The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) will hold Regional Administrator Workshops this May and June.

The Regional Administrator Workshops are designed to be an interactive learning session that will help Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund administrators with reporting requirements as well as provide updates on program changes for 2008. These workshops have proved to be extremely beneficial and all Program Administrators are strongly encouraged to attend as well as other parties interested.



Todd Harp (GOAP) & Julia Hinkle Rollins, Lawrence County Cooperative Extension Agent (2007 Workshop.)



2007 Workshop Attendees

The Regional Administrator Workshop webpage http://agpolicy.ky.gov/funds/administrator_workshops.shtml includes more valuable information on these workshops. The webpage will include more detailed information including an agenda of these very valuable workshops.

Below is a schedule of the Regional Administrator Workshops.

Monday, May 19	10:00 am-12:00 Noon	Carroll County Extension Office
Wednesday, May 28	6:30 pm-8:30 pm CT	Adair County Extension Office
Thursday, May 29	10:00 am-12:00 Noon	Clay County Extension Office
Monday, June 2	10:00 am-12:00 Noon	Hardin County Extension Office
Wednesday, June 4	10:00 am-12:00 Noon	Lawrence County Extension Office
Thursday, June 5	10:00 am-12:00 Noon	Harrison County Extension Office
Wednesday, June 25	6:30 pm-8:30 pm CT	Christian County Extension Office
Thursday, June 26	9:00 am-11:00 am CT	Daviess County Extension Office

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If planning on attending any of these events please RSVP by contacting Kylee Smith or Jennifer Mobbs at (502) 564-4627 or via e-mail govkyagpolicy@ky.gov.



A Note From Governor Beshear



I am committed to not only protecting but also elevating Kentucky's agricultural community.

As the co-owner with my wife, Jane, of a small horse farm in Clark County, I understand intrinsically both farmers' connection to the land and the sweat and muscle they put into their livelihoods. I also value more than most the contribution farmers make to this state's heritage and economy.

But I am also the governor of a state finding itself at a critical juncture. With the global marketplace growing increasingly sophisticated and competitive, Kentucky can no longer succeed by doing what we've always done.

We must become a state of ideas, where imagination and innovation are vibrant energies that power our daily efforts to transform this into a better place to work, live and play.

Kentucky's agricultural community can and will be a part of that effort.

Employing cutting-edge research in genetics and other areas, we can improve traditional methods of raising crops and livestock. Capitalizing on new technology in biofuels and biomass production, we can become a leader in filling the future energy needs of this nation.

I believe we are positioned to do exactly that, with strong leadership in the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, and strong Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund programs.

The bottom line: Now is not the time for farmers to hunker down and pray for survival as the world changes around them.

A Note From GOAP Executive Director



Every two years the Kentucky legislature comes together to create an operating budget for the Commonwealth. Entering the 2008 legislative session, we knew that the sluggish national and state economies would contribute to making this task very hard without imposing great harm to state services. In the absence of new revenue sources, it was anticipated that every agency in state government would be asked to "share in the pain" to achieve a balanced budget.

Governor Beshear supports and acknowledges that Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds (KADF) have a specific funding source and purpose which is to continue helping agriculture and rural communities throughout the state. In his budget recommendation to the legislature, the Governor sought to ensure that these tobacco funds were not to be used to make up for budget shortfalls or special projects.

However, the final budget passed by the General Assembly left the fund with a mixed-bag of direct appropriations, special project earmarks, and fund transfers to make up shortfalls. These debts to the Fund amount to an average of \$38 million in each of the next two fiscal years. No one can argue that the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund did not sufficiently "share in the pain" of this budget.

We are disappointed with the missed opportunity to enhance investments which could have been dedicated to Kentucky's agriculture and rural communities. However, our goal is to continue helping farmers improve net farm income through investments in research, market development and access to affordable capital and other much needed areas.

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board Update

Governor Beshear Unveils the Kentucky Agricultural Relief Effort (K.A.R.E.) Initiative

On March 13, 2008 Governor Steve Beshear unveiled an \$8.15 million initiative to help farmers whose crops were damaged by severe weather conditions last year – the late freeze last spring and extensive drought throughout the summer and fall.

The Kentucky Agricultural Relief Effort (K.A.R.E.) is using Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds to help farmers recover from the devastation caused by the back-to-back weather disasters.

The program was approved by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, chaired by Governor Beshear, in February. The program is helping farmers make improvements and investments related to water availability and forage to lessen the impact of future weather problems.

“Farming is a challenging way to make a living, and some years it’s more stressful than others, but because of the \$8.15 million investment in the K.A.R.E. program, we will be able to reach out to farmers whose crops were devastated,” said Gov. Beshear. “Farmers need help developing alternative water sources that will head off the impacts of future droughts; assistance with renovating and reestablishing pastures and hay fields;

along with equipment and facilities that will help improve forage quality.”

In September 2007 the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved minor changes to County Model Programs making them more “drought friendly” to producers across the state. It also created a program designed to assist in the promotion of county education programs. In February, the board voted to commit Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds to develop a drought relief program.

The guidelines for K.A.R.E. are posted on the Governor’s Office of Agricultural Policy’s website at <http://agpolicy.ky.gov/drought/drought.shtml> for organizations wishing to administer this program on behalf of farmers. It is utilizing infrastructure within the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund’s existing programs.



Roger Thomas (left) and Gov. Beshear (right) unveil the K.A.R.E. Program.

Some of the Eligible K.A.R.E. items include:

Drilling for subsurface aquifers and well establishments; developing and piping on-farm springs; establishing and enhancing on-farm ponds; construction of small stream water basins; water hook-up to city/county water lines for farm usage; irrigation equipment, structures, and components; materials related to a distributed agricultural water system; forage/pasture development; pasture/grain improvement; filter fabric pads for heavy use areas; fencing; cooling fans and sprinkler systems; temporary or permanent shade; feeding equipment, commodity storage structures, hay wrappers, feed mixers, and silage feeding/storage equipment; crop insurance premiums; and commodity transportation related equipment; animal waste handling equipment; rootstock, trees, and certified, hybrid, and/or other seed varieties in conformance with the University of Kentucky recommendations. *For a complete listing and guidelines visit <http://agpolicy.ky.gov/drought/drought.shtml>.*

Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Class Graduates

Twenty participants recently graduated from the prestigious Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program. This was the eighth agricultural leadership class conducted by the UK College of Agriculture (program previously was called the Philip Morris Leadership Program).

The program was financially supported by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, the UK College of Agriculture, Philip Morris USA and previous leadership program alumni.

The program included seminars, visits to Kentucky agribusinesses, and study trips to Argentina, Chile and Washington D.C. Applicants were selected for the program based on their strong association with Kentucky agriculture, commitment to agriculture and agribusiness, leadership abilities, character and reputation.

During the fifteen month program, participants attended eighteen days of seminars and learned a variety of leadership-building skills. Seminar topics included leadership styles, public policy, role of federal and state

governments, strategic management, time management, globalization and international trade and communicating thru the media. Participants were given opportunities to tour various aspects of agriculture and agribusiness enterprises including the equine industry.

"This program is not only about agriculture," said Dr.

Larry Jones, program director for the UK College of Agriculture. "It's also about understanding one's self and the role individuals can play in important rural and urban issues, public policy issues, global economic issues and effective communications."

Travel seminars included a four-day trip to Washington D.C. to meet agricultural industry and congressional leaders and a fourteen day



2008 Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Graduating Class (Photo by Steve Patton)

international agriculture tour of agriculture and agribusiness through Argentina and Chile. While touring participants had an opportunity to visit government officials, embassy staff, various farms producing beef, vegetables, grapes and wine, equine and row crop operations as well as several agribusinesses. In addition, a travel seminar to study California agriculture is scheduled later this summer.

The 2008 Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Class would like to say a special thank you to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board for their support through out this program. The leadership skills, opportunities, and friendships gained from this program were more than any one of us could have imagined going into this. All of us hope to continue to be intimately involved with Kentucky agriculture and our rural communities now and in the future.

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation Updates

A Note From Director of Financial Services



The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) realized early

on the need for a capital access program as a way to ensure that Kentucky's share of the Master Settlement Agreement monies would continue to benefit future generations of Kentucky farmers. Through the vision of the KADB Members, access to capital at below market interest rates has been a reality since 2004 through the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC), the lending authority of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy.

Currently there are four loan programs being offered by KAFC, Agricultural Infrastructure, Beginning Farmer, Agriculture Processing and

Coordinated Value-Added Loan Program.

Although the KAFC programs mentioned above are now in the third year of existence there are still some farmers, agribusinesses and ag lenders that are not aware that below market interest rates for agriculture projects are available. To promote the KAFC programs I recently attended the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Ag Lender regional meetings in Winchester, Russell Springs, Bowling Green, Kentucky Dam and Elizabethtown.

The purpose of the meetings was to update ag lenders on FSA programs. The program agenda also included the opportunity for me to talk about KAFC programs. It was a great opportunity to meet ag lenders that have interest or have already taken advantage of the KAFC loan programs. There have been several occasions that KAFC, FSA and ag lenders

across the state have collaborated on projects. This is a great example of Federal and State loan programs working in concert with local ag lenders that can offer financing packages to the agriculture community and be competitive with others across the country.

In an effort to increase the awareness of KAFC loan programs we now have a logo, a KAFC e-newsletter, and an e-mail distribution list updating ag lenders on application deadlines, Board meeting dates and program updates will be offered. For promotional materials or for program guidelines and application information regarding KAFC loan programs go to the website agpolicy.ky.gov. or contact Bill McCloskey at 502-564-4627 (office) or 502-382-6093 (cell).



Gardner Returns to GOAP



The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) welcomes back a familiar face to the team. Sandra Gardner returns to GOAP as Special Projects Coordinator.

As Special Projects Coordinator, Sandra will be coordinating a variety of projects, with her primary focus being the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation's (KAFC) internal data management and processes.

"I am happy to be able to continue to serve Kentucky's agriculture community," stated Ms. Gardner, "and look forward to working with KAFC in the continued development of efficient data

management processes and procedures."

Prior to this appointment, Sandra coordinated the Certified Roadside Farm Market program as Director of Commodity Marketing for Kentucky Farm Bureau. She also worked at GOAP for six years prior in various positions, most recently Compliance & Outreach Coordinator.

Model Program Corner

Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund

2008 Model Program Guidelines & Reports

Available on CD

*Call (502) 564-4627 or e-mail govkyagolicy@ky.gov
to request a CD*

Model Programs (2001-2008)

Agricultural Diversification

Est. September 2001

\$12,531,327 / 99 Counties

Cattle Genetics

Est. February 2001

\$13,565,049 / 104 Counties

Cattle Handling

Est. June 2001

\$21,060,401 / 102 Counties

Commercial Poultry

Est. December 2006

\$231,884 / 5 Counties

Dairy Diversification

Est. January 2005

\$1,679,604 / 30 Counties

Fencing Improvement

Est. March 2003

\$11,210,221 / 68 Counties

Forage Improvement

Est. March 2001

\$24,954,644 / 104 Counties

Goat & Sheep

Est. August 2001

\$3,760,109 / 91 Counties

Hay, Straw & Commodity

Est. November 2002

\$22,428,604 / 101 Counties

On-Farm Water

Est. March 2003

\$1,696,272 / 23 Counties

Pilot Farm Management

Est. January 2007

\$9,650 / 3 Counties

Shared-Use

Est. January 2005

\$1,135,847 / 50 Counties

Swine

Est. January 2005

\$121,781 / 8 Counties

Technology Program

Est. January 2005

\$1,536,196 / 35 Counties

Timber

Est. January 2005

\$172,735 / 8 Counties

Menu Programs

Est. May 2005

\$14,175,531 / 48 Counties

DEADLINE REMINDER

Are you planning to submit an application or amendment to the Agricultural Development Board? If so, please read the below deadlines.

▪ **Model Program Applications**

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for model program applications. If your model program is received in our office by the first Friday of the month then it will be presented to the Board at that month's meeting.

▪ **Non-Model Applications**

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for all non-model project applications. If your application is received in our office by the first Friday of the month it will be referred at the Board meeting that month for consideration at the meeting the following month.

▪ **Model and Non-model Amendments**

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for all model and non-model project amendments. If your amendment is received in our office by the first Friday of the month then it will be presented to the Board at that month's meeting.

What's New at GOAP?

Neaveill Named Chief of Staff



At the beginning of March, Joel Neaveill was named Chief of Staff for GOAP. Neaveill was originally appointed to the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy in 1999 where he has served in program development and administrative roles.

"I am pleased to have Joel as the new Chief of Staff where his experience and knowledge will play a major role in the development of GOAP and the programs administered," said

Roger Thomas. "He was an integral team member in the creation of a program structure for the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund, which has invested more than \$256 million in agricultural diversification projects across the Commonwealth."

As Director of Operations, Neaveill maintained day-to-day functions of the GOAP including budget development and implementation. Concurrent to this role, Neaveill also served as Coordinator for the Phase II tobacco settlement program which provided over \$732 million in direct payments to Kentucky tobacco farmers. He also served as a project analyst, assisting applicants of the KADF through critical evaluation of applications and business plans.

Neaveill received a BA in Political Science from the University of Louisville and is also a graduate of the Natural Resources Leadership Institute. He lives in Louisville with his wife, Jennifer and their two children, Trevor and Morgan.

Judge Joins GOAP Team, Mobbs Promoted

Roger Thomas, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) announced two new appointments to GOAP: Michael Judge, Director of Operations and Jennifer Mobbs, Compliance Specialist.

"We look forward to the contributions of these two individuals who will provide both wisdom and knowledge of past experiences combined with their dedication to Kentucky agriculture," said Roger Thomas. "This will ensure that the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy will



continue to provide the best possible service for our agriculture communities across the Commonwealth."

Previous to his appointment as GOAP Director of Operations,

Michael Judge served as the Executive Director of the Office of Agriculture Marketing and Product Promotion at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. His background includes production agriculture, agriculture economics and marketing. Michael was Assistant Professor at Eastern Kentucky University from 1981-2004 where he also served as the Director of University Farms. He currently resides in Richmond with his wife.



Jennifer Mobbs was promoted to GOAP Compliance Specialist. She will be working along side the Senior Compliance Coordinator in implementing the compliance efforts of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund. Jennifer attended

Indiana Southeast University where she studied Business Management. Her previous employment includes working as an Administrative Assistant for GOAP. She currently lives in Frankfort.

Upcoming Events: May, June & July



May is National Beef Month
June is National Dairy Month
July is National Fruit and Vegetable Month

May 24

Dairy and Goat Field Day

The first-ever Small Ruminant Dairy Field Day for anyone who wants to learn about setting up a goat or sheep dairy will be held on Saturday, May 24 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Miller Trust Farm, 1175 Grimes Mill Rd. in Lexington.

Activities will include tours of Kentucky's first licensed goat dairy and cheese plant, and a picnic will conclude the day. The field day is free, but participants are requested to register for the event by contacting info@kysheepandgoat.org or by calling 502.352.2434 or 859.421.6983.

May 27

Beef at the Ball Park

Location: Lexington Legends Baseball Game @ Applebee's Park

Time: 07:05 PM - 11:59 PM

Event description:

Kentucky Cattlemen's Association

June 5

Dairy Night at the Lexington Legends



Seats on the base line @\$6.00 each. Must be reserved by May 23 by contacting Eunice Schlappi at (502) 564-4983 or by email eunice.schlappi@ky.gov.

First 500 people through the gate receive a free dairy stress ball!

June 9

Annual Great Kentucky Seafood Cook Off

The 3rd Annual Great Kentucky Seafood Cook Off will be at the Jefferson Community and Technical

College in Louisville, KY. The event is sponsored by the Kentucky Aquaculture Association, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Kentucky State University and others. It is open to Chefs throughout the state that register and use KY Products. Visit <http://www.kyagr.com/Seafood.htm> for more information.

June 10

Kentucky Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom

The L&N Dept and Museum, Bowling Green: Kentucky Farm Bureau will host a teacher workshop to showcase the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's new curriculum, **Kentucky Proud Lessons**, the nationally renowned agricultural and environmental curriculum. A total of six hours of professional development credit may be earned at the workshop. The registration fee has been waived for all Kentucky educators, compliments of Kentucky Farm Bureau. Availability may be limited, so register early. For more information, contact Scott Christmas at 502-495-5000 or schristmas@kyfb.com or visit the KFB website at http://www.kyfb.com/federation/Agricultural%20Education/teacher_conf.asp.

June 11

Clean Air for Kentucky Curriculum Workshop

Join Elizabeth RobbSchmitz (Environmental Education Specialist, Kentucky Division for Air Quality) for a fun day of environmental education learning Age level for the materials is geared towards 4th through 12th but those who work with other age levels are also welcome. For more information contact Amanda Patrick, Outreach Specialist at 270-343-3797 or via email at Amanda_Patrick@fws.gov.

Upcoming Events: May, June & July

June 12

Kentucky Field Day

The University of Kentucky (UK) College of Agriculture will host a field day at Spindletop Farm near Lexington on June 12 with the theme: "Agriculture in a New Bioeconomy." Hay production techniques and equipment will be demonstrated between 3 and 5:30 p.m., the same time workshops will be held on weed identification and resistant weeds, organic crop production and horse pasture evaluation. Field tours from 6 to 8 p.m. pest management. Contact J.D. Green at 859-257-4898, or jdgreen@uky.edu.

June 12

Kentucky Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom

Historic Locust Grove, Louisville: Kentucky Farm Bureau will host a teacher workshop to showcase the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's new curriculum, **Kentucky Proud Lessons**. View June 10, for more info.

June 12-14

State FFA Convention

Plans are underway for the 79th Annual State FFA Convention which will be held at the Galt House Hotel & Suites in Louisville, KY. For complete Convention information, including schedules visit FFA website: www.kyffa.org.



June 16

Kentucky Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom

The Center for Rural Development, Somerset: Kentucky Farm Bureau will host a teacher workshop to showcase the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's new curriculum, **Kentucky Proud Lessons**. View June 10, for more info.

June 17

Kentucky Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom

Spindletop Hall, Lexington: Kentucky Farm Bureau will host a teacher workshop to showcase the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's new curriculum, **Kentucky Proud Lessons**.

June 18

Kentucky Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom

Morehead State University, Morehead: Kentucky Farm Bureau will host a teacher workshop to showcase the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's new curriculum, **Kentucky Proud Lessons**. View June 10, for more info.

July 11-13

Kentucky Farm Bureau Young Farmer Summer Outing

Kentucky Farm Bureau's Young Farmer Summer Outing will take place on July 11-13, 2008, in Lexington at the Campbell House. This event is always a highlight of the year's young farmer activities, providing a relaxed atmosphere for farm families to socialize with each other, tour local ag-related sites, and gain a better understanding of our organization. Contact Jay McCants at (502) 495-5000 or jmccants@kyfb.com for more information.

July 17-18

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation Joint Board Meeting

The annual joint meeting of the two Boards will take place at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park. For more information contact Cyndi Hall (502) 564-4627 with the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy.

July 20-22

KY Association of Conservation Districts & State Convention

65th Annual KACD STATE CONVENTION—20, 21, and 22 at the Lexington Radisson Hotel. The Soil and Water Conservation Commission Meeting is on the 20th. For more information contact Steve Coleman at steve.coleman@ky.gov (e-mail) www.conservation.ky.gov (web site) 502-573-3080 (phone.)

To receive an complete list of agricultural events, festivals and educational activities e-mail Angela Blank, Director of Communications for the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy at angelag.blank@ky.gov and request to be on the Upcoming Events in Agriculture Distribution List.

In the past three months \$2,104,742 in Agricultural Development Funds were invested in projects to help with Kentucky's agricultural diversification effort.

The following are projects, receiving Agricultural Development Funds in 2008 for February, March and April. These projects are among over 3,000 that have been approved since the program's inception (2001).

February

\$182,980 Grasshopper Distribution, LLC

Grasshopper Distribution, LLC was approved for \$126,480 in state funds and \$56,500 in county funds for capital expenditures that will aid in the distribution of agricultural products.

\$105,000 Johnson County Agricultural Advancement Council, Inc.

The Johnson County Agricultural Advancement Council, Inc. was approved for \$105,000 in Johnson County funds to administer a Menu Approach with six model programs including: Cattle Genetics Improvement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; Forage Improvement & Utilization; Goat and Sheep Diversification; and On-Farm Water Enhancement.



Agricultural Development Fund Investments

\$10,000 Lee's Plant Farms, Inc.

Lee's Plant Farms, Inc. was approved for \$10,000 in Larue County funds to construct a retail section, within Lee's Garden Center, to sell Kentucky-produced products.

\$50,000 Mason County Extension District Public Properties

The Mason County Extension District Public Properties was approved for \$49,000 in state funds and \$1,000 in Mason County funds to construct a farmers' market facility as part of the 2008 Farmers' Market Awards Program.

\$100,000 Pulaski County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

The Pulaski County Cattlemen's Association Inc. was approved for \$100,000 in Pulaski County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with two model programs including: Cattle Genetics Improvement and Cattle Handling Facilities.

\$206,000 Pulaski County Conservation District

The Pulaski County Conservation District was approved for \$206,000 in Pulaski County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with two model programs including: Forage Improvement & Utilization and Hay, Straw, & Commodity Storage.

\$85,000 Pulaski County Horticulture Association, Inc.

The Pulaski County Horticulture Association, Inc. was approved for \$85,000 in Pulaski County funds to administer a Menu Approach Program with two model programs including: Agricultural Diversification and Goat & Sheep Diversification.



March

\$4,000 Franklin-Simpson Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

The Franklin-Simpson Chamber of Commerce, Inc. was approved for \$4,000 in Simpson County funds to be used for the Kentucky Breeders' Incentive Fund Horse Conference.

\$28,000 South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

The South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative was approved for \$28,000 in state funds to commission a study for the feasibility of a beef processing facility that would be located in Kentucky.

\$410,000 The Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, Inc.



The Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, Inc. was approved for \$410,000 in state funds to continue to provide business support services and technical assistance to rural agribusinesses across KY.

\$87,000 Waterworks Farm, Inc.

Waterworks Farms, Inc. was approved for \$82,000 in state funds and \$5,000 in Shelby County funds for equipment that will be used to expand their egg production business.



April

\$10,000 Elliott County Board of Education

The Elliott County Board of Education was approved for \$10,000 in Elliott County funds to renovate four greenhouses that are located throughout the Elliott County School District.

\$8,750 Elliott County District Extension Council, Incorporated

The Elliott County District Extension Council, Incorporated was approved for \$8,750 in Elliott County funds to administer a youth livestock equipment shared-use program.

\$85,000 Jefferson County Farm Bureau, Inc.

The Jefferson County Farm Bureau, Inc. was approved for \$85,000 in Jefferson County funds to administer a menu approach program with eight model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Cattle Genetics Improvement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; Forage Improvement and Utilization; Hay, Straw, and Commodity Storage; On-Farm Water Enhancement and Technology.

\$9,000 Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc.

The Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc. was approved for \$9,000 in Jessamine County funds to cost-share on 4-H/FFA projects.

\$14,080 Lewis County Conservation District

The Lewis County Conservation District was approved for \$14,080 in Lewis County funds to administer an educational welding program for tobacco dependent farmers.

\$369,239 O'Bryan Grain Farms, Inc.

The O'Bryan Grain Farms, Inc. was approved for \$364,030 in state funds, \$4,777 in Daviess County funds, and \$432 in Henderson County funds for the expansion, research, and development of

innovative animal waste facilities and management techniques within their swine production operation.

\$90,693 Porchetta Primata, LLC

Porchetta Primata, LLC was approved for \$87,693 in state funds in the form of a loan and \$3,000 in Todd County funds to purchase equipment that will assist in the production of a premium product that will be sold to the finest dining establishments all over the country.

\$50,000 River Valley Agritourism Alliance, Inc.

River Valley Agritourism Alliance, Inc. was approved for \$50,000 in state funds to promote agri-tourism ventures in Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Nicholas, and Robertson counties.

\$20,000 Russell County Cattlemen's Association

Russell County Cattlemen's Association was approved for \$20,000 in Russell County funds to administer a Youth Heifer Chain.

\$200,000 Shelby County Cattlemen's Association

Shelby County Cattlemen's Association was approved for \$200,000 in Shelby County funds to administer a menu approach program with five model programs including: Cattle Genetics Improvement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Dairy Diversification; Forage Improvement and Utilization; and Goat and Sheep Diversification.





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The **Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy** (GOAP) provides a direct link between the Governor and one of the Commonwealth's most important industries. GOAP administers the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (Phase I), the Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation (Phase II), and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC), as well as other Boards and Commissions.

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